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SUBJECT: EMBASSY REPRESENTATION TO GOM ON DEMONSTRATIONS AND
SECURITY SITUATION

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 4623

1. SUMMARY: ON OCT 19, DCM PRESENTED NOTE TO MFA EXPRESS-
ING CONCERN ABOQT ANTI-US DEMONSTRATIONS, CULTURAL CENTER
BOMBING, AND THREATS TO AMERICAN PERSONS AND PROPERTY. MFA
ALSO CONFIRMS THAT GOM WILL PAY FOR DAMAGE TO USG PROPERTY.
END SUMMARY.

2. DCM PRESENTED NOTE OCT 19 TO DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL
DATUK MALLEK GIVING PARTICULARS OF ANTI-US DEMONSTRATIONS
OCT 12, 13 AND 16, BOMBING OF LINCOLN CULTURAL CENTER OCT 19,
AND THREATS AGAINST AMERICAN CITIZENS, PEACE CORPS OFFICES,
EMBASSY AND USIS CENTER. EMBASSY NOTE (FULL TEXT TO BE
POUCHED EA/IMS OCT 23) EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER ESCALATING
THREATS AND PHYSICAL VIOLENCE, AS WELL AS THREATS OR HINTS OF
CONTINUING DEMONSTRATIONS, BOYCOTTS OF AMERICAN GOODS, WALK-
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OUTS FROM AMERICAN COMPANIES, AND EXTREME VIEW HELD BY

ONE DEMONSTRATOR THAT US EMBASSY AND ALL AMERICANS WOULD BE DRIVEN OUT OF MALAYSIA.

3. NOTE ALSO MENTIONED "COMMENDABLY COOPERATIVE" RELATIONSHIP WITH GOM SECURITY AND POLICE OFFICIALS, EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION WITH THEM REGARDING RECENT INCIDENTS, AND THEIR ASSURANCE THAT THEY WILL DO UTMOST TO PROTECT AMERICAN CITIZENS AND PROPERTY. NOTE CONCLUDED THAT "EMBASSY WOULD NOT BE DISCHARGING ITS RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND TOWARDS STRONG BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IF IT DID NOT ADVISE MFA OF GRAVITY WITH WHICH IT VIEWS PRESENT SITUATION."

4. MFA PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR UN AND AMERICAS ANTHONY YEO CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF OCT 20 THAT GOM WILL COMPENSATE USG FOR DAMAGES INCURRED DURING DEMONSTRATION UPON PRESENTATION OF FORMAL NOTE.

5. IN CONTACTS WITH GOM OFFICIALS AND MEDIA, WE ARE TAKING LINE THAT GOM HAS COOPERATED FULLY WITH US IN HANDLING INCIDENTS OF PAST WEEK AND OUR EXPECTATION THAT CLOSE CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION WILL CONTINUE IN FUTURE.
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